



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW 10-08

6/9/2008

Warm week and humid weekend

For the week ending, June 8, 2008, the **days suitable for fieldwork** were **5.0** in Delaware and **4.6** days in Maryland. Week started warm and dry, however, by Wednesday, severe storms hit and caused damage and power outages hindering some field work. Then warmer weather took over for the rest of the week as the weekend became hot and humid. Saturated fields caused some farmers to replant corn and soybean fields. Week ending weather enhanced drying conditions for farmers to harvest dry hay. Farmers were winding down with preparing fields and spring planting of crops.

Vegetables were being planted throughout Delaware and Maryland; wet and humid days provide unfavorable growing conditions and increase diseases. **Fruit crops** condition were rated good in both states. Strawberry harvest continued strong in both states. **Small grains** condition were rated fair to excellent in the two states. Barley harvest began where field conditions allowed. In both states, barley and wheat fields had some lodging. Corn and soybean farmers continued to plant crops as weather permits. **Hay supplies** were short to adequate in Delaware and adequate in Maryland. **Pasture** conditions were improving and rated good to excellent in Delaware and fair to good in Maryland.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 8, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Alfalfa Hay, 1st cutting	72	66	96	77	67	65	99	80
Alfalfa Hay, 2nd cutting	4	1	5	4	6	0	5	5
Barley, headed	100	100	98	99	100	100	100	100
Barley, turned	86	62	83	78	85	65	93	80
Barley harvested	3	2	12	17	7	0	14	8
Cantaloup, planted	72	67	79	78	64	52	79	81
Corn, planted	96	90	96	95	98	97	100	97
Corn, emerged	89	77	93	92	85	79	97	93
Cucumbers, planted	47	42	38	45	48	32	62	47
Green Peas, harvested	40	20	31	31	25	15	41	31
Lima Beans, planted	48	43	64	46	23	18	39	35
Other Hay, 1st cutting	63	54	86	67	84	73	93	80
Other Hay, 2nd cutting	1	0	1	1	3	0	2	4
Potatoes, planted	100	100	98	79	100	100	99	78
Snap Beans, planted	51	42	45	55	59	49	78	75
Soybeans, planted	44	32	69	58	48	45	63	55
Soybeans, emerged	24	13	42	38	27	21	35	36
Strawberries, harvested	74	47	79	63	65	47	83	70
Sweet Corn, planted	75	63	86	83	66	61	76	71
Tomatoes, planted	83	72	78	80	72	58	90	77
Watermelon, planted	79	75	91	82	75	63	82	81
Winter Wheat, headed	99	96	96	99	100	98	96	99
Winter Wheat, turned	35	9	40	31	20	11	47	33

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 8, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	6	12	59	23	0	2	11	65	22
Pasture	0	1	8	61	30	1	3	32	56	8
Winter Wheat	0	7	14	56	23	0	2	9	69	20

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 8, 2008

Condition by Percent	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	5	4	1	5	2	0	1	0
Adequate	74	86	84	89	91	90	96	96
Surplus	21	10	15	6	7	10	3	4

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 8, 2008

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		from				from
Weather Station	week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	2.17	22.19	4.68	95	55	74	5
Frederick	1.19	22.34	5.39	94	53	73	7
Frostburg	1.16	24.1	3.55	89	48	69	8
Hagerstown	0.97	17.03	0.36	95	53	75	7
Mechanicsville	3.13	25.35	5.75	95	55	73	4
Patuxent River	4.07	19.24	1.57	93	59	74	6
Ocean City	1.8	18.02	-1.49	87	56	73	4
Salisbury	1.21	19.54	0.36	97	50	73	4
Sharpsburg	1.36	22.11	5.06	93	47	72	6
Stevensville	3.56	26.23	7.89	93	60	74	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.43	26.33	10.31	98	62	77	4
Delaware							
Dover	1.38	18.53	-0.25	94	59	73	3
Georgetown	1.08	16.39	-2.59	97	58	74	6
Wilmington	2.22	19.18	1.52	92	57	73	4

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.